

Crystal Cave rocks!



Surround yourself with graceful cave formations on a great tour! NPS Photo

No tickets are sold at the cave, only at Lodgepole and Foothills visitor centers. Buy them at least 1½ hours before the tour.

Crystal Cave Road is 15 miles (24 km) from the Sequoia Park entrance at Hwy 198, and 3 miles (5 km) south of the General Sherman Tree (see page 12 map). Maximum vehicle length is 22' (6.7 m) on the road to the cave.

Use parking-lot restrooms; the cave has none. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a jacket; the ½-mile trail (.8 km) to the cave is steep and it's 50°F (10°C) inside.

No strollers, tripods, or baby backpacks. Not wheelchair accessible. Ask about group reservations and Wild Cave Tours! Tour led by the SNHA: 1-559-565-3759.

Don't miss this opportunity!

45-minute Daily Cave Tours

Through 10/25 (weather permitting): On the hour Saturdays 11am-3pm; Sundays 11am-2pm; weekdays 11am, 1pm, 2pm.

Fees: Age 6-12 \$6; age 13-61 \$11; age 62 & up \$10; under 6 & Golden Access Pass holders free. National Park, Interagency, & Golden Age passes do not apply at the cave. Discount for SNHA members!

Free Activities

WALKS & TALKS - A few free ranger-led activities may be offered at Giant Forest, Grant Grove, and the Foothills. See pages 8-9, then check bulletin boards and visitor centers for detailed schedules. Once winter snows set in, free guided snowshoe walks will begin in Lodgepole and Grant Grove!

VISITOR CENTERS & PARK STORES - Each offers different exhibits to enjoy. Park stores in each center sell a wide variety of books, maps, postcards, posters, and other items. All your purchases in visitor centers help to support the parks! See pages 8-9 for details.

JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM - FREE FOR ALL AGES

Earn a badge while helping to protect resources. If you are 5 to 8 years old, work for the Jay Award. Those 9 to 12 years old earn a Raven Award. Ages 13 to 103 earn an Arrowhead Award. Pick up your free Jr. Ranger booklet in any park visitor center and have fun!

TEACHERS - BRING YOUR CLASS TO THE PARKS! Fun curriculum-based programs for 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 6th grades in spring and fall: geology, sequoias, Native Americans, and other cultural history. For details or to reserve a date: 1-559-565-4303.



WHERE CAN I ...

You are visiting two different areas - a National Park (NPS) and a National Forest and Monument (USFS). Some activities that are illegal in the Park may be legal in the Forest (see page 2 for details). Know where you are!

• **WALK A PET - In the Parks:** Not on any trails but it's o.k. 100 feet from roads in developed areas (picnic areas, campgrounds, along roads). **In National Forest:** Pets can go on trails. **In both areas:** Pets must be on a leash less than 6 feet (1.8m) long. Don't leave pets in hot cars.

• **GO CAMPING - In the Parks:** Only in numbered sites in designated campgrounds. **In National Forest:** In campgrounds or, unless posted otherwise, near roadsides. Pull safely off the road, no further.

• **DRIVE OFF-ROAD - Not in either area.** Stay on roads.

• **COLLECT THINGS - Not in Parks:** Leave everything to play its natural role in the ecosystem. **In National Forest:** Keeping a few cones or rocks for personal use is permitted. **In both areas:** Archeological sites and artifacts are protected by law.

• **HUNT - Not in the Parks.** Firearms must be unloaded, inoperable and stored in way that prevents ready use prior to entering national parks. **In National Forest:** Only during the season with a license: 1-559-243-4005.

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• **SNOWMOBILE - Not in the Parks.** **In National Forest:** Only on designated routes. Snowmobile trailheads are at Big Meadows, Cherry Gap, & Quail Flat. 1-559-243-4005.

• **GO FISHING - In both areas:**

Permitted during the season; California fishing licenses required for ages 16 & up. Ask for copies of park regulations.

• **GO PICNICKING** - See picnic symbols on page 12. Never leave food unattended, due to bears! Most sites have tables, restrooms & fire grills, except: No fire grills at Sandy Cove, Foothills, & Grizzly Falls. No fires permitted at Lodgepole & Crescent Meadow. No water at Halstead, Powdercan, Grizzly Falls, Lodgepole, & Crescent Meadow.

• **HAVE A FIRE - In the Parks:** Only in fire grills in some campgrounds and some picnic areas. **In National Forest:** Free fire permits are required, even for gas stoves and lanterns. Some areas are more restricted than others. Get permits at Kings Canyon Park Visitor Center (in Grant Grove) or USFS office in Dunlap on Hwy 180.

• **CUT WOOD - Not in the Parks.** **In National Forest:** Call Hume Lake Ranger District for permit and guidelines: 1-559-338-2251.

• **RIDE A BICYCLE - In the Parks:** On roads only, not on any trail (except the designated bike trail in Cedar Grove).

In National Forest: Ask a ranger which trails permit bicycles. **In both areas:** Be careful & courteous near pedestrians & horses. People younger than 18 must wear helmets.

• RIDE HORSEBACK

Call first regarding closing dates, hourly rides, backcountry spot trips, & guided trips.

• Cedar Grove

1-559-565-3464 summer
1-559-337-2314 off season

• Grant Grove - closed

1-559-335-9292 summer
1-559-594-9307 off season

• Horse Corral

At Big Meadows in Sequoia National Forest:
1-559-565-3404 summer
1-559-564-6429 off season
1-559-679-3573 cell